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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: IAEA, AORG, OCON, SW

SUBJECT: THE PLO IN THE IAEA

REF: (A) STATE 212234, (B) COPENHAGEN 2852

1. BEGIN SUMMARY. EMBASSY OFFICER MET WITH MFA
OFFICIAL RESPONSIBLE FOR IAEA AFFAIRS AND MADE
APPROACH AS REQUESTED PARA 5, REF (A). MFA OFFICIAL
RESPONDED THAT GOS HAD FOR ALL INTENTS AND PURPOSES
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TAKEN THE DECISION SOME TIME AGO THAT IT "SHOULD

BE ABLE TO SUPPORT" THE REQUEST TO INVITE THE PLO. HE ADDED THAT THE EC-9 WILL "APPARENTLY" ABSTAIN ON THE ISSUE. END SUMMARY.

2. MFA OFFICIAL RESPONSIBLE FOR IAEA AFFAIRS JOHAN LIND, WHO WILL BE GOING TO RIO DE JANEIRO WITH THE SWEDISH DELEGATION, SAID THAT GOS HAD BEEN APPROACHED BY THE IRAQIS SOME TIME AGO, AND HAD ANTICIPATED THAT THE ISSUE WOULD SURFACE AGAIN AS IT DID AT THE GENERAL CONFERENCE LAST YEAR, WHEN THE SWEDES WERE "RELIEVED" THAT THE ARABS WERE PERSUADED NOT TO PUSH IT. THE GOS, HE SAID, CONSIDERS THE REQUEST THAT THE PLO BE INVITED TO BE "STRAIGHTFORWARD ENOUGH," THOUGH IT DOES NOT APPROVE OF ALL THE EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM. HOWEVER, HE CONTINUED, IN TERMS THAT SEEMED TO HAVE BEEN PREPARED BEFOREHAND, THE GOS FEELS THAT THE DECISION SHOULD BE MADE ON THE BASIS OF THE MERITS OF THE REQUEST, AND THUS HAS CONCLUDED THAT IT "SHOULD BE ABLE TO SUPPORT" THE REQUEST, CONSISTENT WITH ITS SUPPORT FOR PLO OBSERVER STATUS IN THE UNGA, AND UNSC, AND OTHER SPECIALIZED AGENCIES.

3. LIND CONTINUED THAT THE GOS WOULD NOT LIKE TO SELECT THE IAEA AS A "DIFFERENT CASE" FROM ITS ACTIONS IN OTHER UN AREAS. IN RESPONSE TO EMBASSY OFFICER'S REMARK THAT IAEA WAS A SPECIAL CASE AND ALMOST OF IRRELEVANCE TO THE PLO, LIND STATED THAT THE GOS IS "VERY SENSITIVE" TO THE ROLE OF THE IAEA IN ITS SAFEGUARD FUNCTIONS, AND IS "AS CONCERNED AS YOU ARE" TO SAFEGUARD ITS INTEGRITY. IN ANSWER TO EMBASSY OFFICER'S QUESTION, LIND SAID THAT GOS SAW NO CONTRADICTION BETWEEN THE PRESENCE OF THE PLO AND THAT INTEGRITY, SINCE OBSERVERS HAVE NO POWERS AND CAN ONLY SPEAK.

4. LIND ADDED A PERSONAL OBSERVATION THAT MAKING THE PRESENCE OF THE PLO A MAJOR ISSUE MAY BE EVEN MORE DAMAGING TO THE IAEA, AND HINTED THAT SWEDEN WOULD PREFER THE MATTER TO BE RESOLVED BY CONSENSUS, AND NOT A VOTE.

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5. HE VOLUNTEERED THAT GOS HAS BEEN TOLD BY THE DANES, WITH WHOM IT COORDINATES CLOSELY, THAT THE EC-9 WILL "APPARENTLY" ABSTAIN ON THIS ISSUE.

6. LIND ALSO VOLUNTEERED THAT, THOUGH MFA HAD ONLY VAGUE READING OF SITUATION REGARDING SOUTH AFRICA IN THE IAEA, GOS WOULD PROBABLY OPPOSE EXCLUSION OF

SOUTH AFRICA ON GROUNDS THAT THERE IS A LACK OF
JUSTIFICATION, AND THAT EXPULSION WOULD BE UNWISE
SINCE IAEA SAFEGUARDS APPLY TO SOUTH AFRICA.
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